

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Samuel L. Bufford

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Samuel L. Bufford
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1964 BA;
Texas 1969 PhD; Michigan 1973 JD
Began Service: 1985
Term Expires: March 2014

Academic: Instructor of Philosophy, Louisiana State University (1967-1968); Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University (1968-1974); Guest Lecturer, University of Geneva (1973-1974); Assistant Professor of Law and Adjunct Assistant Professor, City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University (1975-1977); Visiting Lecturer, Harvard Law School (2004-2005)

Legal Practice: Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (1974-1975); Sullivan, Jones & Archer (1977-1979); Musick, Peeler & Garrett (1979-1981); Rifkind & Sterling (1981-1982); Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner (1982-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, American Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Gisele Chow** (213) 894-0994
Courtroom Deputy **Elaine Garcia** (213) 894-0995
Court Recorder **Christelle Knox** (213) 894-3303
Judicial Assistant **Kitty Davis** (213) 894-0993

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Robert N. Kwan

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Robert N. Kwan

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: February 2007
Term Expires: February 2014

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tax Division, California - Central District, United States Department of Justice

Staff

Law Clerk **Robert Marticello** (714) 338-5452
Courtroom Deputy **Susan Kent** (714) 338-5366
Court Recorder **Audrey McCall** (714) 338-5369
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Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Robin L. Riblet

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Robin L. Riblet
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Florida 1971 BA; San Diego 1975 JD;
NYU 1979 LLM
Began Service: March 30, 1988
Term Expires: March 2016

Legal Practice: Stutman, Treister & Glatt (1979-1988)

Current Memberships: American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Federal Bar Association; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; Santa Barbara Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Evelyn Brandt Ricci** (805) 884-4868
Education: Whittier 1974 BA;
Western St Orange County 1979 JD;
USC 1985 MSLS
Courtroom Deputy **Cheri D. Davis** (805) 884-4885
Court Recorder **Kam Rust** (805) 884-4873
Judicial Assistant **Carol Gonzales** (805) 884-4861

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Kathleen Thompson

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Kathleen Thompson
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Kansas 1967 BA; UCLA 1980 JD
Began Service: April 4, 1988
Term Expires: April 3, 2016

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Calvin K. Ashland, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (1980-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (1982-1988)

Current Memberships: Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Angela Allegra Jones** (818) 587-2825
Education: San Diego 1996 JD
Law Clerk **Caroline Manankichian** (818) 587-2826
Education: UCLA 1990 JD
Law Clerk **Stephanie Rettler** (818) 587-2825
Education: Pepperdine 2003 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Emma Gonzalez** (818) 587-2832
Court Recorder **Elizabeth Villegas** (818) 587-2820

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Alan M. Ahart

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Alan M. Ahart
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: UC Berkeley 1970 AB; SUNY (Albany) 1975 JD;
Pennsylvania 1979 LLM
Began Service: April 1988
Term Expires: April 2016

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Deborah Chang** (213) 894-3592
Education: Loyola Marymount 2003 JD
Law Clerk **Monserat Morales** (213) 894-1530
Education: Washington U (MO) 2004 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Thais May** (213) 894-5856
Court Recorder **Yvonne Gooch-Carter** (213) 894-1486

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Mitchel R. Goldberg

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Mitchel R. Goldberg
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Colorado 1965 BA, 1968 JD
Began Service: June 1988
Term Expires: May 2016

Legal Practice: Rosen & Goldberg (1971-1980); Mitchel R. Goldberg (1980-1988)

Military Service: United States Army (1969-1970)

Staff

Law Clerk **Lillian L. Lee** (951) 774-1028
Education: Loyola Marymount 2001 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Rita Cargill** (951) 774-1085
Court Recorder **Rudy De La Torre** (951) 774-1087
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Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Ernest M. Robles

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Ernest M. Robles
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: UC Berkeley 1978 BA;
Michigan 1981 JD
Began Service: June 12, 1993
Term Expires: June 11, 2007
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Assistant United States Trustee, United States Department of Justice (1988-1993)

Legal Practice: Musick, Peeler & Garrett (1981-1982); Hancock, Rother / & Bunshoft (1982-1987); Kornblum & McBride (1987-1988)

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Ernest M. Robles continued

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Helene Kaya** (213) 894-0295
Education: UCLA 1988 JD
Law Clerk **Jean Soh** (213) 894-0294
Education: Michigan 2004 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Lydia Gonzalez** (213) 894-4843
Court Recorder **Earnestine Walter** (213) 894-6233

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Thomas B. Donovan

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Thomas B. Donovan
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: UC Berkeley 1957 BA;
Boalt Hall 1962 JD
Began Service: March 21, 1994
Term Expires: March 20, 2008

Legal Practice: Associate, Covington & Burling (1962-1963); Associate, Dinkelspiel & Dinkelspiel (1964-1969); Partner, Dinkelspiel, Donovan & Reder (1969-1993)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1959)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Candace L. Crociani** (213) 894-3746
Education: St Olaf 1994 BA; Hamline 2002 JD
Law Clerk **Sarah Gohmann-Bigelow** (213) 894-1577
Courtroom Deputy **Pat Pennington** (213) 894-6172
Court Recorder **Wanda Toliver** (213) 894-5011

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Erithe A. Smith

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Erithe A. Smith
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1957
Education: Loyola Marymount 1979 BA;
Boalt Hall 1982 JD
Began Service: May 2, 1994
Term Expires: May 1, 2008

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Erithe A. Smith, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Marcus M. Kaufman, California Court of Appeals (1982-1983); Law Clerk The Honorable Peter M. Elliott, United States Bankruptcy Court (1983-1985)

Legal Practice: McKittrick, Jackson, DeMarco & Peckenpaugh (1985-1987); Lobel, Winthrop & Broker (1987-1994)

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